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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Medical schedule reports from the Department of  
3   Healthcare and Family Services state that as of January 12,  
4   2007 nearly \$1.2 billion dollars in unpaid Medicaid claims are  
5   pending; and

6           WHEREAS, Because Illinois is so far behind on paying  
7   Medicaid bills, doctors, pharmacies, hospitals, and other  
8   medical providers are faced with the decision to limit care  
9   provided to Medicaid-covered individuals or find ways to remain  
10   economically viable such as securing loans and exhausting lines  
11   of credit; and

12           WHEREAS, The amount of unpaid Medicaid bills at the end of  
13   FY 2007 is expected to continue to grow to a total of at least  
14   \$1.5 billion; and

15           WHEREAS, The payment cycle for Medicaid providers is  
16   expected to grow to an average of 68 days by the end of FY 2007,  
17   and the cycle for non-expedited providers will be considerably  
18   higher considering that some providers are promised payments  
19   based on a 30-day payment cycle; and

20           WHEREAS, The FY 2006 budget under-funded pensions by \$1.2  
21   billion compared to the funding schedule established by the

1 1995 Pension Funding Law; and

2 WHEREAS, The FY 2007 budget under-funds pensions by another  
3 \$1.1 billion, bringing the two-year pension diversion to a  
4 total of \$2.3 billion; and

5 WHEREAS, Even though \$2.3 billion in funding has been  
6 diverted from the funding of pensions, the Medicaid payment  
7 cycle and bills on hand at the end of the fiscal year continue  
8 to endanger the ability of Medicaid providers to continue to  
9 provide services to the needy; and

10 WHEREAS, At the same time that Medicaid bills go unpaid and  
11 pensions go under-funded, recent budgets have contained  
12 funding for member initiatives and special add-on projects  
13 benefiting only a small portion of the State; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
15 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
16 until sufficient funding is appropriated to bring the Medicaid  
17 payments cycle down to an average of 30 days and pensions are  
18 funded based on a funding schedule consistent with the  
19 guidelines of the original 1995 Pension Funding Law, future  
20 budgets should not contain appropriations for member  
21 initiatives or special add-on projects benefiting only a small  
22 portion of the State; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2           presented to the Governor of the State of Illinois.